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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation on the 31st day of August, 2001

In the matter of the revocation of the commuter air carrier authority issued to

FARWEST AIRLINES, LLC

Docket OST-00-7152 - 12

pursuant to 14 CFR 204.7

ORDER REVOKING COMMUTER AIR CARRIER AUTHORIZATION

Summary

By this order, we are revoking the commuter air carrier authority issued to Farwest Airlines, LLC, for reason of dormancy.

Background

By Order 2000-8-6, issued August 4, 2000, the Department found Farwest Airlines, LLC, fit to conduct scheduled passenger operations as a commuter air carrier, and issued to Farwest a Commuter Air Carrier Authorization for such operations. However, the effectiveness of this authority was conditioned upon Farwest's fulfilling a number of conditions, including providing us with a copy of its Air Carrier Certificate and Operations Specifications from the Federal Aviation Administration authorizing such operations and evidence that Farwest had available funds sufficient to meet the Department's financial fitness criteria.

Section 204.7 of the Department's Aviation Economic Regulations (14 CFR 204.7) provides that, if a company does not institute air transportation operations within one year of being found fit by the Department to do so, its economic authority will be terminated for reason of dormancy. Under this rule, Farwest's one-year period expired on August 4, 2001.

By letter dated May 15, 2001, the Department reminded Farwest and the carrier's counsel of the revocation-for-dormancy provisions of section 204.7 and their impact on Farwest should it be unable to commence scheduled passenger operations as a commuter air carrier by August 4, 2001. Since that time no indication was received from Farwest that it intended to commence

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commuter operations, nor was any request received for a waiver from the revocation-for-dormancy provisions of the Department's rules.

Under these circumstances and in accordance with section 204.7 of our rules, we will revoke the commuter air carrier authority issued to Farwest by Order 2000-8-6. This action is without prejudice to the company's filing for new commuter authority in the future.

ACCORDINGLY, Acting under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR 385.12:

- 1. We revoke the commuter air carrier authority issued to Farwest Airlines, LLC, by Order 2000-8-6.
- 2. We will serve a copy of this order on the persons listed in Attachment A.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.30, may file their petitions within 10 days of the service date of this order.

This order shall be effective and become the final action of the Department of Transportation upon the expiration of the above period unless within such period a petition for review is filed or the Department gives notice that it will review this order on its own motion.

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